

# Hawaii Coffee

## Biannual report of harvested acreage, production, and farm value

### Statewide output tops 10 million pounds

Based on a mid-season survey of growers and millers, the Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service (HASS) estimates coffee production at 10.5 million pounds (parchment basis) for the 1999/2000 season, up 11 percent from last season's harvest of 9.5 million pounds. Coffee farmers are expected to receive an average of \$2.00 per pound (parchment equivalent) this season, down 23 percent from last season. Total farm revenues are estimated at \$21.0 million, down 15 percent from the 1998/99 season.

#### ***Acreage up, but production down on Big Island***

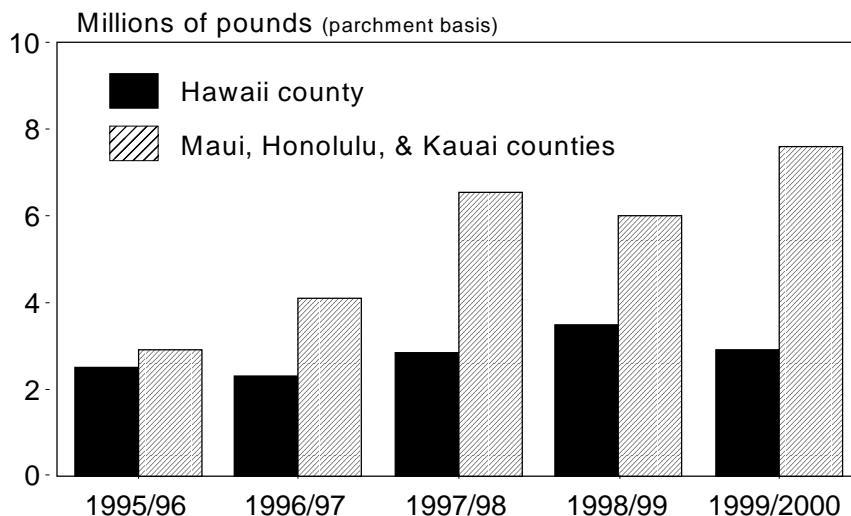
Hawaii county growers are forecast to harvest 2.9 million pounds of coffee this season (parchment basis), down 17 percent from last season. Most of Hawaii county's coffee is grown in the North and South Kona districts were initially dry weather followed by uneven rainfall will result in a late, and smaller, harvest this season. Heavy pruning at the end of last season and, to a lesser extent, lower farm prices also contributed to the drop in output. Overall bean quality was reportedly better than last season.

New fields continued to be planted in Hawaii county as total acreage increased 14 percent to 3,200 acres in 1999. Harvested acreage increased for the sixth consecutive year at 2,400 acres, up 11 percent from 1998/99.

#### ***Output increases from all other counties***

Combined coffee production from Maui, Kauai, and Honolulu county is estimated at 7.6 million pounds (parchment basis) for the 1999/2000 season, up 27 percent from last season. All counties are expected to show an increase in production this season. Favorable weather, regular irrigation, carefully planned cultural practices, and maturing trees all contributed to this season's improved harvest.

### Hawaii Coffee: Production by county



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## Hawaii Coffee Statistics

Number of farms, acreage, yield, marketings, price, and value by county,  
1995/96 through 1999/2000, State of Hawaii

County and crop year <sup>1</sup>	Farms	Acreage		Yield <sup>2</sup>	Marketings <sup>3</sup>	Farm prices			Value of sales	Green production
		In crop	Harvested			Cherry	Parchment	All <sup>4</sup>		
	<i>Number</i>	<i>----- Acres -----</i>		<i>----- 1,000 pounds -----</i>		<i>----- Cents per pound -----</i>			<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>
<b>State</b>										
1995-96	580	6,800	5,500	1.0	5,400			300.0	16,200	4,320
1996-97	560	6,600	5,400	1.2	6,400			325.0	20,800	5,000
1997-98	585	7,000	5,800	1.6	9,400			300.0	28,200	7,720
1998-99	610	7,400	6,100	1.6	9,500			260.0	24,700	7,600
<b>1999/2000</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>7,700</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>10,500</b>			<b>200.0</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>8,400</b>
<b>Hawaii</b>										
1995-96	570	1,880	1,470	1.7	2,500	100.0	515.0	460.0	11,500	2,000
1996-97	550	2,160	1,720	1.3	2,300	105.0	550.0	470.0	10,810	1,850
1997-98	575	2,490	1,900	1.5	2,850	135.0	700.0	570.0	16,245	2,300
1998-99	600	2,800	2,170	1.6	3,500	130.0	500.0	460.0	16,100	2,800
<b>1999/2000</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>65.0</b>	<b>450.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>8,700</b>	<b>2,300</b>
<b>Kauai/Maui/Honolulu <sup>5</sup></b>										
1995-96	10	4,920	4,030	0.7	2,900			<sup>6</sup> 162.0	4,700	2,320
1996-97	10	4,440	3,680	1.1	4,100			243.0	9,990	3,150
1997-98	10	4,510	3,900	1.7	6,550			183.0	11,955	5,420
1998-99	10	4,600	3,930	1.5	6,000			143.0	8,600	4,800
<b>1999/2000</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>7,600</b>			<b>162.0</b>	<b>12,300</b>	<b>6,100</b>

<sup>1</sup> Coffee harvesting occurs throughout the year in Hawaii. The main harvest normally begins in late summer and extends to the early part of the following year.

<sup>2</sup> Average yields based on parchment equivalent marketings and harvested acreage.

<sup>3</sup> Expressed in parchment equivalent pounds. Coffee marketed in cherry form was converted to an equivalent parchment weight and added to parchment marketings.

<sup>4</sup> Represents an average farm price for parchment equivalent sales. Obtained by dividing farm revenues from the sale of cherry and parchment coffee by total marketings (parchment equivalent basis).

<sup>5</sup> Kauai, Maui, and Honolulu counties combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>6</sup> Weighted combination of farm prices and the average International Coffee Organization price during October, November, and December on the New York Market (based on 1979 International Coffee Agreement).